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Further information on UA 303/97 (ASA 21/75/97, 18 September 1997) and follow-up (ASA 21/77/97, 26 September) - Fear of torture

EAST TIMOR	**Constancio dos Santos**	**}**
	Jojo dos Santos	**}believed to be**
	Francisco Caldeira	**}detained in**
	Eduardo - possibly called Jose Ximenes	**}Dili**
	Joaquim Santana	**}**
	Ivo Miranda	**}believed to be**
	Domingos Natalino Coelho da Silva	**}detained in**
	Fernando [Fernão] Lebre - previously Lere	**}Semarang**
	Nuno dos Santos	**}**
	Germano Lebre	**}not thought to**
	Julio Santana	**}be in**
	Soares	**}detention**

At least four East Timorese, detained in Dili, the capital of East Timor, and another four, detained in Semarang, are reportedly being subjected to ill-treatment and torture including electric shocks. One source also alleged that Constancio dos Santos has suffered the severance of two of his fingers. This follows their arrest in connection with their alleged possession of explosives in September 1997.

Amnesty International is also concerned that the detainees are experiencing restrictions concerning access to independent legal counsel and have instead been assigned lawyers by the authorities. Human rights lawyers acting on behalf of Domingos Natalino Coelho da Silva were refused access to him by police on the grounds that all the men already had legal representation.

It is believed that one of the five above-named men thought be held in Semarang has been released due to lack of evidence. However, it is not clear which of the five this is.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia or English or in your own language:
- urging the authorities to ensure that all eight remaining in custody are given regular and continuing access to human rights lawyers, their families and to humanitarian assistance;
- seeking assurances that the detainees are being protected from torture or ill-treatment and that the allegations of torture and ill-treatment are independently and thoroughly investigated.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 November 1997.